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Dear Charlie:

The current P5 process to develop a plan for the U.S. particle physics community is critical for the future of the field. In making recommendations to the agencies within the difficult budget scenarios you have been presented with, you will need to make difficult and painful choices. We urge you to make the difficult choices that, in your collective wisdom, will result in the best possible path forward for the field.

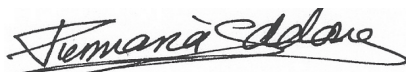
Once P5 has set forth its recommendations for the field under the various budget scenarios, we are committed to supporting the P5 recommendations and working to align the HEP programs at our labs to make the plan successful. We recognize that unless the University and the lab communities unify in support of a common path forward, we will not be successful.

We will only move forward successfully if we move forward together.

Sincerely,



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